

May 21, 2017

# Ebenezer Emissary



Today is...



*There will be no Adult Bible Fellowship classes today, but all are encouraged to attend this special time for our youth held in the Crossroads Ministry Center at 9:00 a.m.*

*If you are visiting today, please take a moment to fill out the Ebenezer Communications Card which is part of the Emissary. This communication is a vital link which helps our Body stay connected. Please feel free to place completed ones in the offering plate.*

### ~ OPPORTUNITIES OF THE DAY ~

- 9:00 a.m.** Promotion Sunday *(All Sunday School and ABF classes please meet in the CMC)*
- 10:00 a.m.** The Good News Hour *(2 year olds-B16, 3 year olds-B10, 4&5 year olds-B11)*
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering – Pastor Jim *(CMC)*  
*Live in a New Way - Saved!*  
*Scripture Reading: Pastor Dick*  
*Special Music: Sam Brauen, Sarah Lehman, & Kara Zink*
- 6:30 p.m.** Youth Volunteer Meeting *(Schoolhouse)*
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service *(Sanctuary)*  
Youth Toronto Trip Meeting *(Schoolhouse)*

**Congratulations** to Ardy & Megan (Hargraves) Gonyer who were united in marriage on Friday, May 19, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Bowling Green. Their new address will be 507 Lehman Avenue, Apt. 2, Bowling Green, OH 43402.

### Ebenezer Communications Card

*Please take a moment to complete the information below. Place in the offering plate or the box provided in the Missions Center on the Prayer Counter.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### I am interested in information on:

- Ebenezer Mennonite Church    Baptism    Membership
- Child dedication    Getting involved in ministry
- Joining a small group    Prayer requests \_\_\_\_\_

#### ~ GRADUATION INFORMATION ~

Just fill in the information needed below or e-mail the church office at: [info@ebenezermennonite.org](mailto:info@ebenezermennonite.org). Thank you!

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
High School/College: \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteers are still needed** for Vacation Bible School. We are so excited to find out this year how God made us and what we were made to do! Please sign up at <https://vbspro.events/p/c3e1f3> to help as crew leaders, crafts, recreation, KidVid, Bible teacher, kitchen staff, etc. or sign up your children age 4 years old – students leaving Grade 6. You will see tables with food donations and sign-up forms in the Crossroads Ministry Center Foyer. #builtforapurpose

**Vacation Bible School** teacher/volunteer training will be held Sunday, June 4, at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. All those volunteering for VBS need to attend this training. Donuts provided.

**Day for Fishing!** Sign up for the Fishing Charter at Fisherman's Wharf with Irish Drifters Charters on June 10, from 7 a.m.–2 p.m. before we get filled up! The cost is \$35/person and includes all bait. To sign up, contact Pastor Dick Potter at the church 419-358-8588 or at 567-204-0647.

**Join us this summer** as our Connections small group dives into the book "Crossing the Waters," winner of the 2017 Christianity Today Book of the Year for Christian Living. The author is Leslie Leyland Fields. In the book, she'll cross the waters of time and culture to take us out on the Sea of Galilee, through a rugged season of commercial fishing with her family in Alaska, and through the waters of the New Testament. This small group will be a ten week series, beginning Wednesday, June 21, through Wednesday, August 23. We'll meet at the Bluffton McDonald's at 7:05 p.m. I can order a book for you for \$10. - *Pastor Jim King*

**Vertical Church Band** with Lysa Terkeurst on Wednesday, July 12, at 7:30 p.m. in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Women's Ministries are inviting all ladies to sign up in the Missions Center if you would like to ride along in the van. General Admission is \$10 (group of 10 or more), doors open at 6:45 p.m. We will have more information to follow.

### ~ UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ~

- June 3** High School & Agape *(7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)*
- June 4** VBS Teacher/Volunteer Training *(Sanctuary)*
- June 4-9** Vacation Bible School
- June 10** Wild Game Fishing Charter *(Fisherman's Wharf)*
- June 11-17** Middle School 1 *(Miracle Camp, Grades 5-7)*
- June 18-24** Junior High 1 *(Miracle Camp, Grades 6-8)*
- June 24** Wild Game Trap Shoot *(outside field)*
- June 25-July 1** Senior High 1 *(Miracle Camp, Grades 9-12)*
- July 9-17** High School Students *(Toronto, Canada)*
- July 21-23** Family Camp *(Deer Creek Park)*

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~ ATTENDANCE AND GIVING ~

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**Attendance on May 14:**

Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship	(9:00 a.m.)	250
Morning Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	395

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**Congratulations to all** the children and young adults for completing this past Sunday school year. Also huge thanks to all the parents who made it a priority to bring their children each Sunday. God's heart must be full as He sees each precious one coming to learn from His Word and His example. Heartfelt thanks to all the teachers, assistants, helpers, and substitutes who faithfully served these children throughout this year. Your faithfulness and love reflect God's glory to all of us. Truly you have lived out our theme verse this year: *Christ himself gave to....equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.* Ephesians 4:11,12. May God continue to bless both the children and the adults as they continue following Jesus and learning how to be his disciples. Please note that next Sunday is "Meet the Teacher Sunday," please do come and enjoy this special Sunday when an exciting new year starts. We will look forward to welcoming you and show you your new classroom and teacher!

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~ TODAY'S GREETERS ~

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*Crossroads Ministry Center:* Jim & Marty Lemley

*Missions Center:* Wayne & Susan Bixel

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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK: MAY 22-28**

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(ABF- Adult Bible Fellowship, CMC-Crossroads Ministry Center, FH-Fellowship Hall)

**Tuesday**    **6:30 a.m.** Men's Small Group (*Bluffton McDonald's*)  
**7:00 p.m.** Missions Com. Meeting (*103*)

**Wednesday**    **9:00 a.m.** Game Time (*FH*)  
**6:15 p.m.** Worship Team Rehearsal (*CMC*)  
**7:00 p.m.** Adult Bible Study & Prayer (*103*)  
**7:05 p.m.** Connections Small Group  
*(Bluffton McDonald's)*

**Thursday**    **5:00 p.m.** Women's Ministries Mystery Dinner  
*(meet at Campito Lindo Mexican in Bluffton)*  
**7:00 p.m.** Men's Prayer Time (*Sanctuary*)  
Young Adult Small Group  
*(Jaden & Amber August's home)*  
**8:30 p.m.** Young Adult Basketball (*CMC*)

**Sunday**    **9:00 a.m.** Sunday School Meet the Teacher &  
Adult Bible Fellowship (*Various Classrooms*)  
**10:00 a.m.** The Good News Hour (*2 year olds-B16,*  
*3 year olds-B10, 4&5 year olds-B11*)  
**10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering (*CMC*)  
**7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service (*Sanctuary*)

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~ NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 28 ~

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**Infant nursery** will be closed until after Vacation Bible School week. Infants and toddlers will be combined in the Toddler nursery.

**The Infant and Toddler Nursery:**

Jason & Kim Fritsch, Renea & Caity Zimmerman

**The Good News Hour:**

Jaden & Amber August, Emily Gladwell, Cory & Molly Meyer,  
Kathy Steiner, Lauren Willow

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~ YOUTH NEWS ~

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**Thanks to all who purchased cheese.** We still have Pearl Valley mozzarella, Colby, and mild Swiss left. A \$5 suggested donation for a 12 oz. package. All funds go to the summer youth trip to Toronto.

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**Toronto trip meeting today in the schoolhouse.**

Volunteers will meet from 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Students 7:00-8:15 p.m.



**You are invited to an open house for:**

**Levi Smith - Sunday, May 28, (2-5 p.m.)**

at the Bluffton Campus Life Room (*111 W. College Ave.*)

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

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**Congratulations** to Grant & Emily Warner on the birth of their daughter, Addelyn Marie, on Wednesday, May 10, weighing 8 lb. 4 oz.

**Graduate Recognition** is next Sunday, May 28, during the morning Worship Gathering at 10:15. Please fill out the Graduation Information on the Ebenezer Communications Card which is part of the Emissary and place in the offering plate or e-mail the church office at [info@ebenezymennonite.org](mailto:info@ebenezymennonite.org). Thank you!

**Reminder to all ladies:** Women's Ministry needs you! Please fill out a survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R6NSYQJ> or a paper survey available in the Missions Center. We would appreciate your feedback! Please complete the survey by the end of May and give to a member of Women's Ministry.- *Thanks, Julie McKanna, Kelli Foster, Jaime Shaw, Lisa Shadle, Emily Koogler, Christina Lemley, & Tammy Whitlow*

**Mystery Dinner** is back ladies! Although this first one not such a mystery, as we are meeting at Campito Lindo Mexican Restaurant in Bluffton this Thursday, May 25, at 5:00 p.m. If you are coming e-mail [kelli.foster@gmail.com](mailto:kelli.foster@gmail.com) or call/text 419-234-3559 by May 24. Thanks! - *Kelli Foster*